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Gentlemen

The Candidates for degrees in medicine who now appear before ~~you~~ have spent the usual time required by the laws of our University in attending the different medical lectures, and have undergone the usual ^{private} examination upon all its branches. As the last test and evidence of their abilities and knowledge, they have prepared dissertations upon medical subjects, which they now come forward to defend against such objections as shall be made to them by their professors. It has been said by the celebrated Dr

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Adam Smith that "Universities are
the dull repositories of exploded opinions"

— However true this may be in
some European ~~countries~~ ^{Universities}, the opi-
nions entertained in the dispen-
sations now before us, clearly prove

that the Censure does not apply
to the University of Pennsylvania.

— No restraint is ~~here~~ here laid upon
the boldness and originality of Uni-
vers, and the Candidates are permitted

to believe and defend such opinions
in their dissertations
as accord with their own judgments

however contrary they may be to
the opinions taught by their
professors provided they exhibit

nothing ^{in them} contrary to decency &
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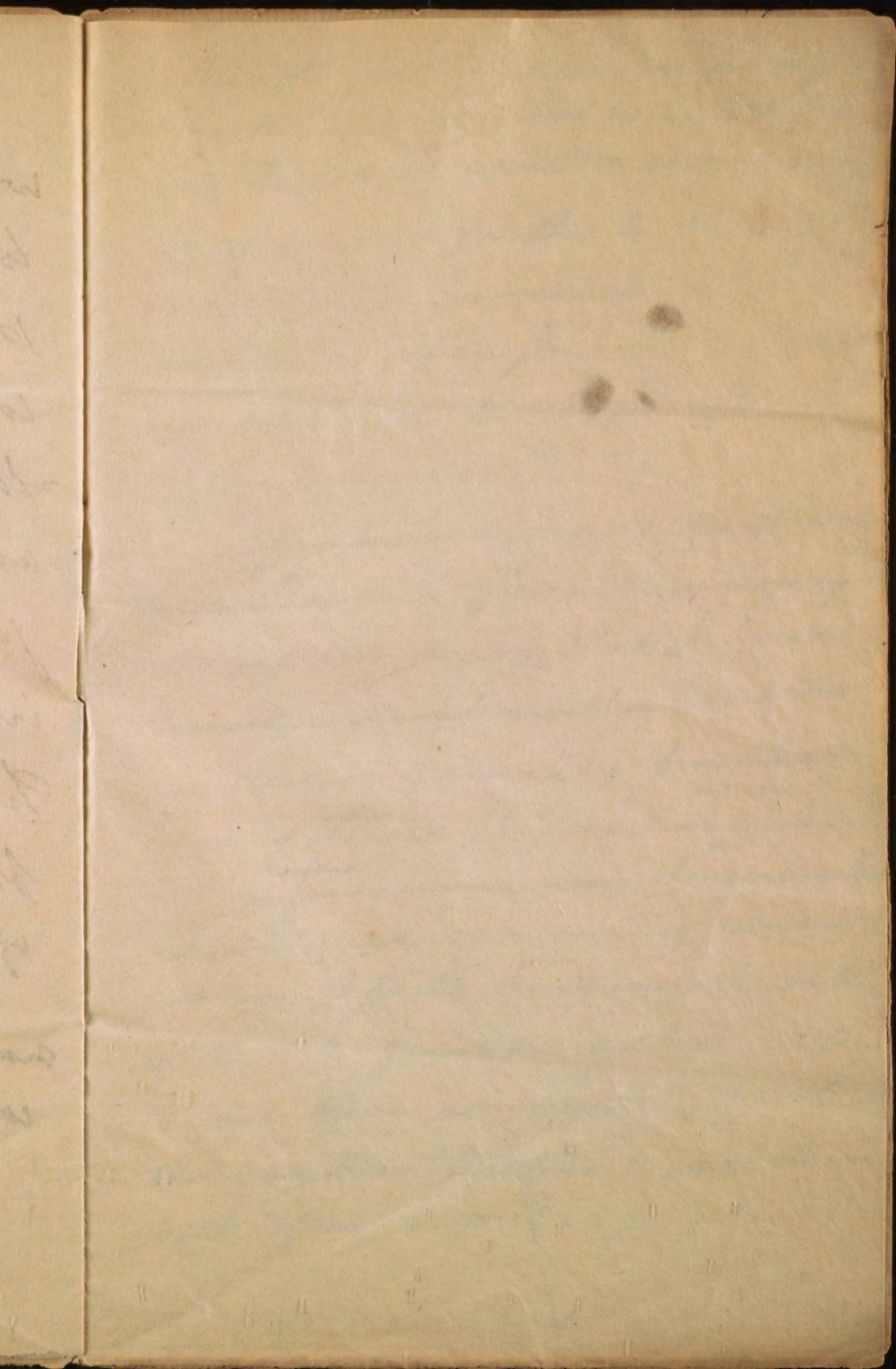
Dissertations

Of that proportion of ~~theses~~
which has fallen to my share
to examine, I can say with great
pleasure they are ~~written~~ well
composed. — Some of them con-
tain original matter, and
all of them if published, would
justify the Professors of Medicine
in recommending ^{their Authors} ~~these~~ to the
Trustees ~~for as~~ as proper subjects
for the highest Medical honor
of our Country.

I shall now ^{make} ~~now~~ ^{take}
~~notice of~~ a few remarks upon
each of them.

Discretion

of the propriety of doing
which the father to our
to examine, & then the
please they are with
company. To me of them
their original in order, and
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of strength, but of such an impulse upon the moving fibres as to prostrate them below the point of reaction. The opinion leads further to choose such remedies for removing this debility, as open stimulants, before we attempt to exhibit stimulating medicines.

~~After~~ ~~was~~ ~~an~~ ~~interesting~~ ~~perusal~~
of ~~both~~ ~~of~~ ~~each~~ ~~of~~ ~~these~~ ~~theses~~, I am happy in being able to say, that I have derived ~~instant~~ ~~no~~ ~~objections~~ ~~to~~
~~me~~ ~~derived~~ ~~instruction~~ ~~from~~ ~~them~~.
reading them. They discover ^{much} acuteness, and ^{superior} ~~information~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~general~~
^{great} ~~sub~~ ~~strength~~ ~~of~~ ~~reasoning~~ ~~powers~~.
~~not~~ ~~as~~ I shall however ask each of them a question or two, chiefly to give them an opportunity of showing their further acquaintance with their respective subjects.

